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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, HAVE YOU REACHED A VERDICT?
WE HAVE, YOUR HONOR! WE FIND THE DEFENDANT, LOIS LANE...
STOP! I HAVE NEW EVIDENCE THAT WILL CHANGE THE VERDICT!
YOU ARE ABOUT TO THRILL TO THE MOST SENSATIONAL MURDER TRIAL OF THE CENTURY... WITH LOIS LANE AS THE DEFENDANT... SUPERMAN AS THE RELENTLESS PROSECUTOR... AND BATMAN AS THE INGENIOUS DEFENSE COUNSEL! PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE EVIDENCE! LOIS' LIFE IS AT STAKE! FOR YOU ARE THE JURY WHO MAY CONDEMN THE GIRL REPORTER TO WALK...
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LIKE THE OMINOUS HAMMER OF FATE, THE JUDGE'S GAVEL RAPS AS A TRIAL BEGINS...
UNLESS THIS COURT COMES TO ORDER IMMEDIATELY, I'LL HAVE IT CLEARED OF SPECTATORS! PROCEED, BAILIFF!
THUD!
THUD!
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE COURT IS NOW IN SESSION! THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CITY VERSUS LOIS LANE! THE CHARGE-- MURDER!
BATMAN, ARE YOU READY FOR THE DEFENSE?
YES, YOUR HONOR!
SUPERMAN! ARE YOU READY FOR THE PROSECUTION?
READY, YOUR HONOR!
AND THE MAN OF STEEL FEELS LOIS' ANGUISHED EYES PIERCING HIS HEART AS HE CALLS HIS FIRST WITNESS...
I'VE GOT TO DO MY DUTY!
CALL JOHNNY GRIFFIN TO THE STAND!
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IN RAPID SUCCESSION, SUPERMAN SUMMONS AN ARRAY OF WITNESSES FOR THE PROSECUTION...
LOIS LANE SURE LOST HER COOL! SHE WAS PULLING LANA LANG'S HAIR AND SCREAMING, "I'LL CLOSE YOUR LYING MOUTH FOREVER--!!!
I SAW MISS LANE DRIVE MISS LANG AWAY IN HER CAR!
IT SURE WAS RAININ' WHEN MISS LANE DROVE PAST MY TOLL BOOTH ONTO THE GOTHAM BRIDGE!
I GAVE THE DEFENDANT A LIFT ON THE HIGHWAY NEAR THE BRIDGE! SHE WAS ALONE!
WHEN SUPERMAN PULLED LOIS LANE'S CAR OUT OF THE RIVER--LANA LANG WAS INSIDE... DEAD!
AND ONE BY ONE, BATMAN CROSS-EXAMINES THE WITNESSES...
DIDN'T YOU EVER UTTER A VIOLENT THREAT IN A BLIND RAGE--WITHOUT CARRYING IT OUT?
Y-YES...
HOW CAN YOU BE SURE IT WAS LOIS LANE YOU SAW DRIVING LANA LANG AWAY?
I HEARD THEM CALL EACH OTHER BY NAME!
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THOUSANDS OF CARS PASS YOUR TOLL BOOTH EVERY DAY! HOW CAN YOU BE POSITIVE LOIS LANE DROVE LANA LANG PAST YOU THAT DAY?
I SAW THEM BOTH ON TV BEFORE I WENT ON DUTY!
IT WAS DARK AND RAINY! HOW COULD YOU BE SURE IT WAS LOIS LANE YOU GAVE A LIFT TO?
SHE WAS ON THE FRONT PAGE OF MY NEWSPAPER! THE STORY TOLD ABOUT HER FIGHT WITH MISS LANG OVER SUPERMAN AT THE TV STATION!
LIEUTENANT, WHAT MAKES YOU STATE MISS LANE LEFT LANA LANG TO DROWN?
ONLY THE DOOR ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE WAS OPEN!
IN THE MIDST OF BATMAN'S CROSS-EXAMINATION...
BZZ... BZZ... BZZ...
WILL THE DEFENSE COUNSEL APPROACH THE BENCH? THE STATE PROSECUTOR WISHES TO SPEAK TO YOU AND YOUR CLIENT IN MY CHAMBERS ON A MATTER OF EXTREME URGENCY!
WHILE THE COURT IS RECESSED FOR THIRTY MINUTES...
SUPERMAN IS HAMMERING NAILS IN LOIS LANE'S COFFIN!
PERRY-- HOW COULD SUPERMAN PROSECUTE HIS OWN GIRL FRIEND?
HE'S ONLY DOING HIS DUTY, JIMMY!
IN THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS...
LOIS! THE EVIDENCE IS AGAINST YOU! BATMAN CAN'T SHAKE THE WITNESSES! PLEASE CHANGE YOUR PLEA FROM "NOT GUILTY" TO "INNOCENT-- BECAUSE OF TEMPORARY INSANITY"!
AND BE SENT TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION? NEVER! I'M NOT INSANE! I NEVER HAVE BEEN!
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"LOIS! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE TIME YOU HAD HALLUCINATIONS!..."
I MUST GET TO A PHONE! THERE'S A BIG CONSPIRACY GOING ON! I MUST WARN PERRY WHITE!
MORE OF THOSE HALLUCINATIONS! WHAT A SHAME! LOIS LANE WAS A GREAT REPORTER!
*AS TOLD IN "THE INCREDIBLE DELUSION", IN LOIS LANE NO. 47 (FEB. 1964). Ed.

"...AND HAD TO BE SENT TO A SANITARIUM..."
JIMMY OLSEN IS THE ATTEMPTED MURDERER, PERRY!
ME? HOW CAN YOU ACCUSE ME? LOIS, YOU REALLY ARE OFF YOUR ROCKER!

LOIS! I'M YOUR ATTORNEY! I'M FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME OF THE SANITARIUM? DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT SUPERMAN COULD DO WITH THAT INFORMATION?
BUT I WAS RAILROADED! "JIMMY" WAS A KILLER IN DISGUISE!

I KNOW, LOIS--BUT DON'T FORCE ME TO PROSECUTE YOU FOR MURDER! IF YOU'RE CONVICTED, YOU'LL GO TO THE CHAIR! PLEAD INSANITY, PLEASE!
N-NO--NO! SOB-SOB I'M INNOCENT!

BEFORE A HUSHED AUDIENCE THE TRIAL CONTINUES... WITH THE DEFENDANT ON THE STAND...
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER YOU LEFT THE TV BROADCAST CELEBRATING NATIONAL SUPERMAN DAY, LOIS?
IT-IT'S HAZY! I REMEMBER THE WATER SUDDENLY RUSHING UP AFTER MY CAR SKIDDED OFF THE BRIDGE!
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"IN SHEER TERROR I FOUGHT TO PUSH OPEN MY DOOR..."
"I STRUGGLED UPWARDS IN A PANIC..."
"LUCKILY, I'M AN EXPERT SWIMMER... AND INSTINCTIVELY HEADED TOWARDS SHORE..."
"I DON'T REMEMBER HOW I GOT TO THE GOTHAM HOTEL... OR...OR HOW LONG I WAS THERE, BEFORE..."
SUPERMAN? WH-WHAT--?
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME WITH ME TO THE GOTHAM BRIDGE, LOIS!
"I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW AT THE BRIDGE..."
IT-IT'S LANA! H-HOW DID SHE GET IN MY CAR?
LOIS LANE! I'M HOLDING YOU FOR THE MURDER OF LANA LANG! ANYTHING YOU SAY MAY BE USED AGAINST YOU! YOU'RE ENTITLED TO CALL A LAWYER TO DEFEND YOU!
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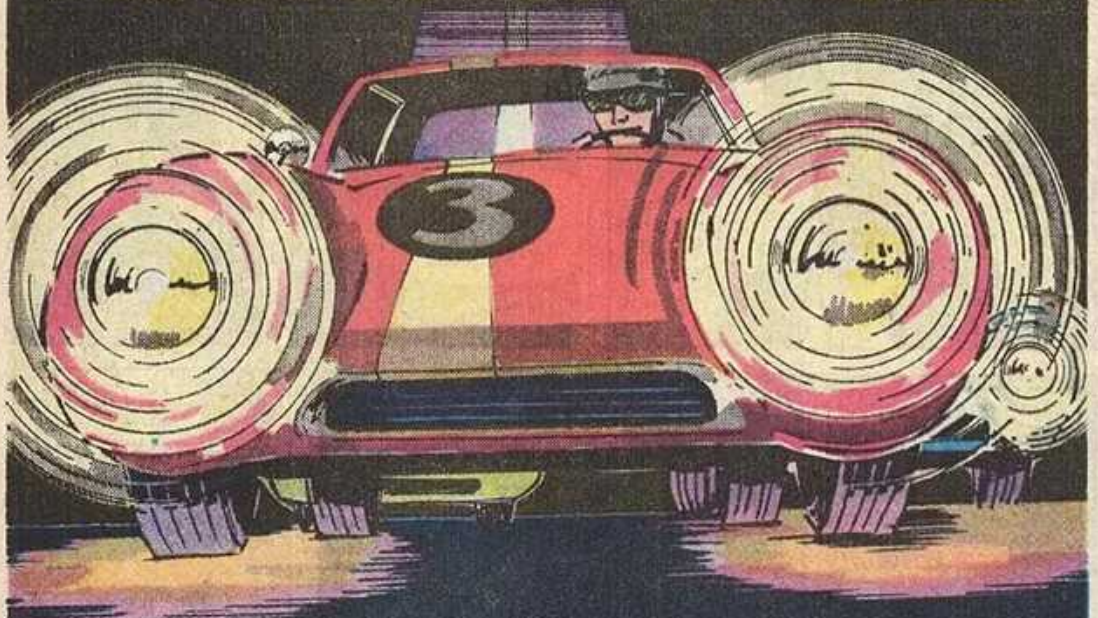

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TH-THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER! ;SOB-SOB;...
IT'S OBVIOUS YOUR MIND WENT BLANK FROM THE SHOCK, LOIS! YOUR WITNESS, SUPERMAN!
MISS LANE... PLEASE TRY TO COMPOSE YOURSELF! WOULD YOU LIKE A FEW MINUTES' RECESS?
N-NO, YOUR HONOR... I--I'M READY TO TESTIFY...
GOOD! LOIS--DO YOU REMEMBER MEETING LANA LANG AT CAPE ROMARK?
"Y-YES... IT WAS A U.S. MISSILE SITE... SHE WAS COVERING A LAUNCHING AS A TV TELECASTER... I WAS THERE FOR THE DAILY PLANET..."
WE'VE A MUTUAL INTEREST, LANA!
SURE, LOIS! WE'D BOTH LIKE TO MARRY SUPERMAN!
"NEXT DAY, WE SWAM IN THE CAVERN OF 1,000 LAKES..."
LANA! ACCORDING TO AN OLD INDIAN LEGEND, THERE'S A MAGIC LAKE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE! WHOEVER SWIMS IN IT IS SUPPOSED TO GAIN SUPER-POWERS!
SILLY SUPER-STITION!
"BUT THAT EVENING, AFTER A MISSILE FELL ON THE CAVERN AND DESTROYED IT..."
WHAT A STORY--;GASP; LANA! WE'RE BOTH MOVING AT SUPER-SPEED!
WE MUST HAVE BLUNDERED INTO THE MAGIC LAKE BEFORE IT WAS DESTROYED! NOW WE HAVE FANTASTIC POWERS!

"ELATED, WE EXPERIMENTED..."
SUPERMAN WOULDN'T MARRY ME BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE SUPER-POWERS TO WARD OFF ANY THREATS FROM HIS ENEMIES! NOW, HE'LL MAKE ME HIS WIFE!
ME, YOU MEAN! I HAVE SUPER-POWERS, TOO!
"WE CHANGED INTO SUPER-COSTUMES YOU HAD GIVEN US, SUPERMAN, AND COMPETED AGAINST EACH OTHER, UNTIL WE BOTH LOST OUR TEMPERS..."
SUPERMAN WILL MARRY ME!
NO-- ME!
"SUDDENLY, OUR SUPER-POWERS VANISHED AS UNEXPECTEDLY AS THEY HAD APPEARED..."
SINCE NEITHER OF YOU HAS SUPER-POWERS ANY LONGER, I CAN'T MARRY EITHER OF YOU! YOUR LIVES WOULD BE MENACED BY MY ENEMIES!
BUT YOU WOULD HAVE MARRIED ME!
NO-- ME!
AS LOIS' TALE ENDS...
YOU WERE INSANELY JEALOUS OF LANA'S LOVE FOR ME FROM THE BEGINNING! THAT'S WHY YOU, AN EXPERT SWIMMER, DROVE OFF THE BRIDGE... AND DELIBERATELY LEFT HER TO DROWN! ADMIT IT!
NO!-- NO!
YOU COULD NEVER CONTROL YOUR TEMPER! YOU MURDERED LANA AND PRETENDED A MENTAL BLACKOUT! THEN...
CRACK!
IT'S A LIE! A LIE!... OW! MY HAND!
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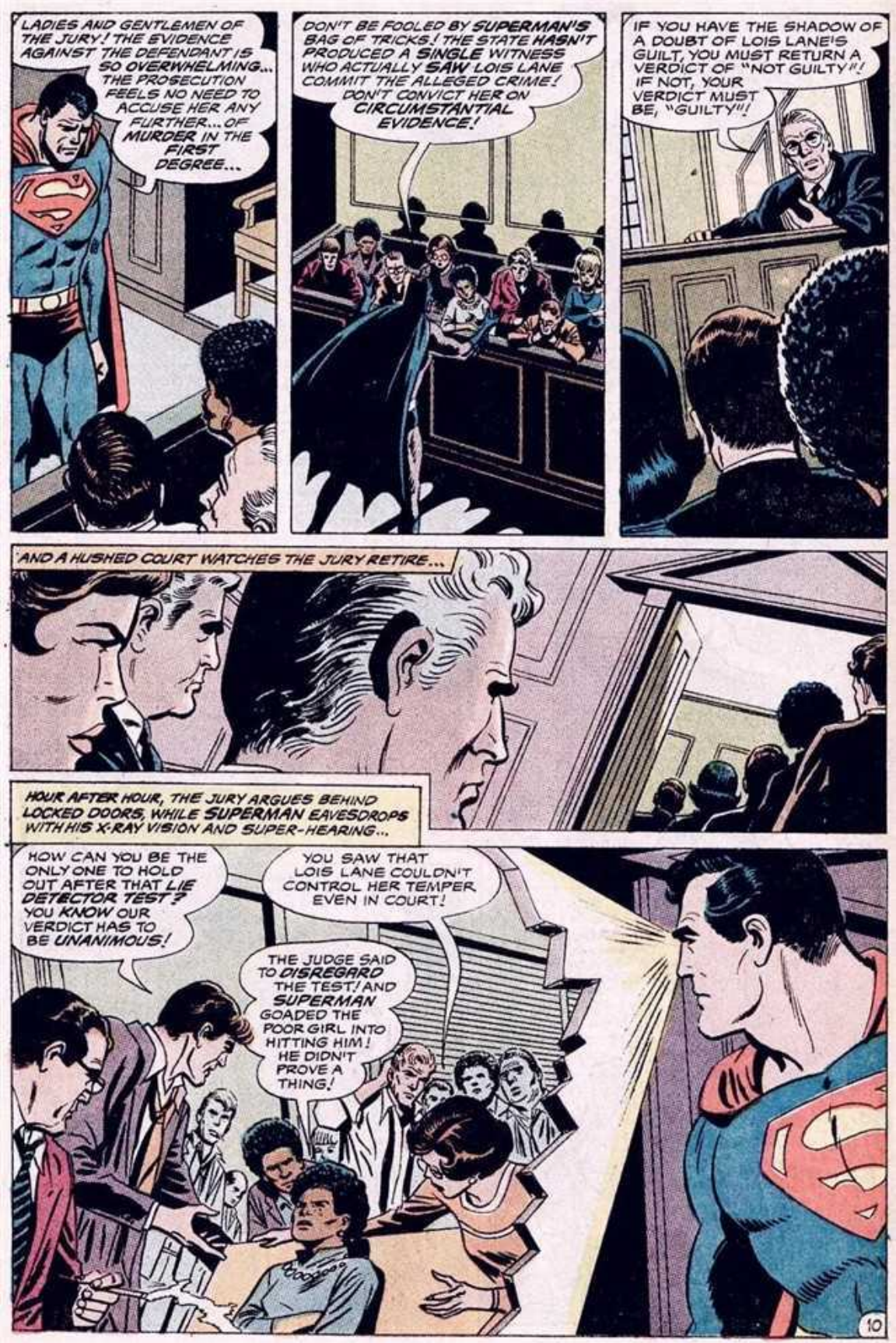
EXTRA! WHERE WILL THE OLYMPIC GAMES OF 3000 A.D. BE HELD?

I'M INNOCENT-- I'LL TAKE ANY TEST TO PROVE IT!
ALL RIGHT, LOIS! I HOPE IT DOES PROVE YOUR INNOCENCE!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
THE LIE DETECTOR'S NEEDLE IS AFFECTED BY ANY SUDDEN CHANGE IN YOUR HEARTBEAT OR PULSE! IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH, IT WILL CHART A STRAIGHT LINE! IF YOU LIE, IT WILL JUMP!
I'M READY!
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
LOIS LANE!
OCCUPATION?
REPORTER...
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
METROPOLIS!
DID YOU KILL LANA LANG?
NO! I'M INNOCENT! I--I --OHH, NO--NO-- THE NEEDLE COULDN'T JUMP! B-BUT IT DID!
AS THE COURT BUZZES WITH EXCITEMENT...
I OBJECT! THE LIE DETECTOR TEST IS INADMISSIBLE AS LEGAL EVIDENCE!
OBJECTION SUSTAINED! STRIKE IT FROM THE RECORD! THE JURY WILL IGNORE IT!
THUD! THUD!
LOIS-- I'M SORRY!
D-DON'T TOUCH ME!
GENTLEMEN! YOU MAY SUM UP WHEN YOUR CASES ARE READY!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY! THE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE DEFENDANT IS SO OVERWHELMING... THE PROSECUTION FEELS NO NEED TO ACCUSE HER ANY FURTHER... OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE...
DON'T BE FOOLED BY SUPERMAN'S BAG OF TRICKS! THE STATE HASN'T PRODUCED A SINGLE WITNESS WHO ACTUALLY SAW LOIS LANE COMMIT THE ALLEGED CRIME! DON'T CONVICT HER ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE!
IF YOU HAVE THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT OF LOIS LANE'S GUILT, YOU MUST RETURN A VERDICT OF "NOT GUILTY"! IF NOT, YOUR VERDICT MUST BE, "GUILTY"!
AND A HUSHED COURT WATCHES THE JURY RETIRE...
HOUR AFTER HOUR, THE JURY ARGUES BEHIND LOCKED DOORS, WHILE SUPERMAN EAVESDROPS WITH HIS X-RAY VISION AND SUPER-HEARING...
HOW CAN YOU BE THE ONLY ONE TO HOLD OUT AFTER THAT LIE DETECTOR TEST? YOU KNOW OUR VERDICT HAS TO BE UNANIMOUS!
YOU SAW THAT LOIS LANE COULDN'T CONTROL HER TEMPER EVEN IN COURT!
THE JUDGE SAID TO DISREGARD THE TEST! AND SUPERMAN GOADED THE POOR GIRL INTO HITTING HIM! HE DIDN'T PROVE A THING!
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IT IS NOT UNTIL THE NEXT MORNING THAT THE JURY FILES BACK...
WHY ISN'T BATMAN HERE? NOW--OF ALL TIMES!
I DON'T KNOW! SOMETHING MUST HAVE DELAYED HIM!
THE COURT IS FROZEN WITH SUSPENSE AS THE JURY HANDS ITS VERDICT TO THE JUDGE...
THE DEFENDANT WILL RISE AND HEAR THE VERDICT! ..."IT IS THE UNANIMOUS JUDGMENT OF THIS JURY THAT LOIS LANE IS--"
SUDDENLY, THE SPECTATORS ARE THROWN INTO AN UPROAR...
BATMAN! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND? BRINGING THE DEAD BODY OF LANA LANG HERE?
I KNOW IT'S HIGHLY IRREGULAR, YOUR HONOR! BUT I HAD TO DO IT!
THUD! THUD!
IF AN AUTOPSY HAD BEEN PERFORMED, IT WOULD HAVE PROVED THIS IS NOT LANA LANG! LOOK AT HER RIGHT HAND! IT'S THUMBLESS! LANA HAD FIVE GOOD FINGERS! SHE WAS RIGHT-HANDED!... LAST NIGHT, WHILE THE JURY WAS OUT...
"I BORROWED AND EXAMINED LANA'S LAST EFFECTS IN MY LAB FOR SOME CLUE TO PROVE LOIS' INNOCENCE! WHEN I COMPARED LANA'S DIARY WITH A LETTER SHE'D ONCE WRITTEN..."
THESE DIARY PAGES ARE NOT IN LANA'S HANDWRITING! BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE FAKE HER DIARY? HMM...IT'S FULL OF APPREHENSIONS ABOUT LOIS! VIOLENT JEALOUSY! IT COULD BE PART OF A FRAME-UP!
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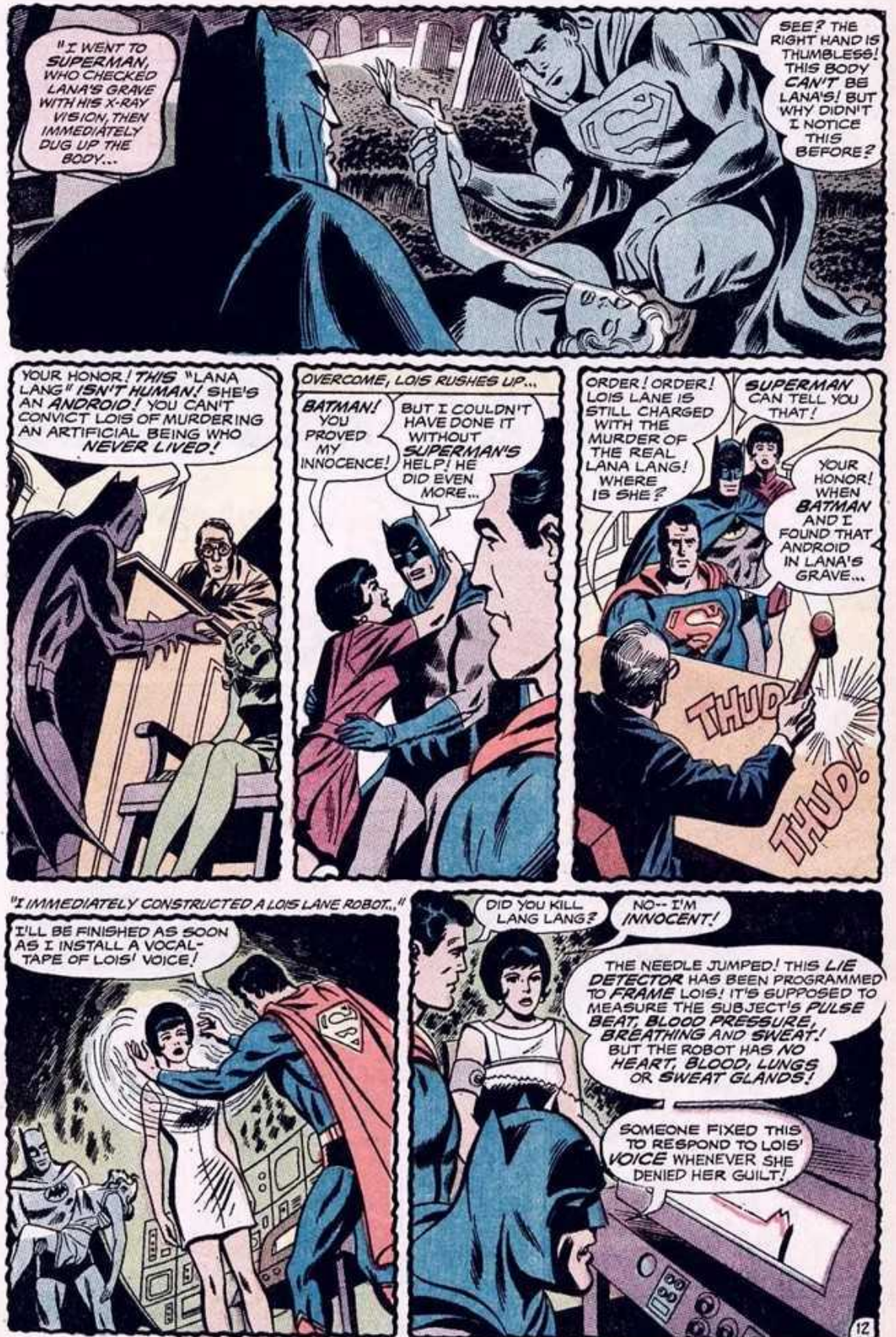
"I WENT TO SUPERMAN, WHO CHECKED LANA'S GRAVE WITH HIS X-RAY VISION, THEN IMMEDIATELY DUG UP THE BODY...
SEE? THE RIGHT HAND IS THUMBLESS! THIS BODY CAN'T BE LANA'S! BUT WHY DIDN'T I NOTICE THIS BEFORE?
YOUR HONOR! THIS "LANA LANG" ISN'T HUMAN! SHE'S AN ANDROID! YOU CAN'T CONVICT LOIS OF MURDERING AN ARTIFICIAL BEING WHO NEVER LIVED!
OVERCOME, LOIS RUSHES UP...
BATMAN! YOU PROVED MY INNOCENCE!
BUT I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT SUPERMAN'S HELP! HE DID EVEN MORE...
ORDER! ORDER! LOIS LANE IS STILL CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF THE REAL LANA LANG! WHERE IS SHE?
SUPERMAN CAN TELL YOU THAT!
YOUR HONOR! WHEN BATMAN AND I FOUND THAT ANDROID IN LANA'S GRAVE...
THUD
THUD!
"I IMMEDIATELY CONSTRUCTED A LOIS LANE ROBOT..."
I'LL BE FINISHED AS SOON AS I INSTALL A VOCAL-TAPE OF LOIS' VOICE!
DID YOU KILL LANG LANG?
NO-- I'M INNOCENT!
THE NEEDLE JUMPED! THIS LIE DETECTOR HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED TO FRAME LOIS! IT'S SUPPOSED TO MEASURE THE SUBJECT'S PULSE BEAT, BLOOD PRESSURE, BREATHING AND SWEAT! BUT THE ROBOT HAS NO HEART, BLOOD, LUNGS OR SWEAT GLANDS!
SOMEONE FIXED THIS TO RESPOND TO LOIS' VOICE WHENEVER SHE DENIED HER GUILT!

"I TOOK BATMAN AND THE ANDROID TO MY FORTRESS, WHERE I SUBJECTED IT TO TESTS, UNTIL...."
LOOK! IT HAS AN INTERNAL THERMAL COUNT OF 104.2 DEGREES!
HMM! THAT'S THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE OF THE HOTTEST PLACE ON EARTH! TWO DEGREES HOTTER THAN DEATH VALLEY! AZIZIA, LIBYA!
"AT SUPER-SPEED, I RACED ACROSS THE WORLD, TO A SPOT NEAR AZIZIA, WHERE I FOUND..."
ALIEN ANDROIDS, OUTSIDE A SPACE SHIP! PLAYING A WEIRD GAME OF... CHESS!
"INSIDE THE HEAT-SHIELD, WHICH PROTECTED THE PLAYERS FROM THE SAHARA SUNLIGHT..."
THIS HAS BEEN THE MOST UNIQUE CHESS GAME WE HAVE PLAYED ON ANY PLANET! MANIPULATING EARTHLINGS BY REMOTE CONTROL WITH OUR BRAIN-WAVE CHESS PIECES... LIFE-SIZE STATUES OF THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT... IS FASCINATING!
NOW THE GAME IS ALMOST ENDED!
"I BOMBARDED THE PROTECTIVE SHIELD WITH MY HEAT VISION UNTIL IT CRACKED..."
SUPERMAN!
KA-LO, IT WAS A MASTER STROKE OF YOURS TO HAVE PLAYER LI-NA ACTUALLY EXECUTED FOR CHEATING... BY SUBSTITUTING HER FOR HER EARTHLING DOUBLE, LANA LANG, AND SHUTTING OFF HER BRAIN-CIRCUITS!... WHAT...?
CRAACK!
IN PERSON! NOT A CHESS PIECE!
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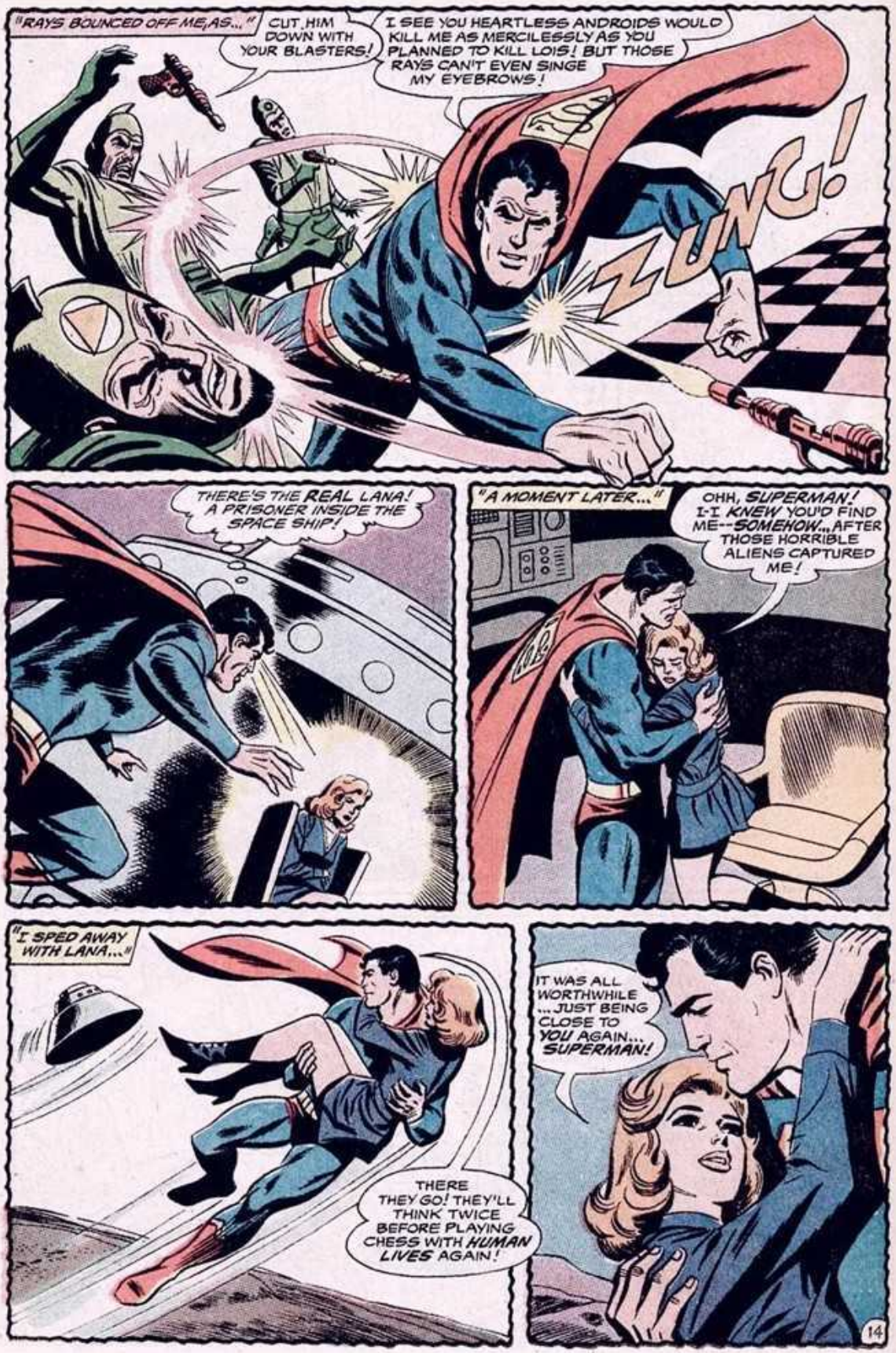
"RAYS BOUNCED OFF ME, AS..."
CUT HIM DOWN WITH YOUR BLASTERS!
I SEE YOU HEARTLESS ANDROIDS WOULD KILL ME AS MERCILESSLY AS YOU PLANNED TO KILL LOIS! BUT THOSE RAYS CAN'T EVEN SINGE MY EYEBROWS!
ZUNG!
THERE'S THE REAL LANA! A PRISONER INSIDE THE SPACE SHIP!
"A MOMENT LATER..."
OHH, SUPERMAN! I-I KNEW YOU'D FIND ME--SOMEHOW... AFTER THOSE HORRIBLE ALIENS CAPTURED ME!
"I SPED AWAY WITH LANA..."
THERE THEY GO! THEY'LL THINK TWICE BEFORE PLAYING CHESS WITH HUMAN LIVES AGAIN!
IT WAS ALL WORTHWHILE ...JUST BEING CLOSE TO YOU AGAIN... SUPERMAN!
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AS THE METROPOLIS MARVEL'S INCREDIBLE TESTIMONY ENDS...
AND HERE'S THE REAL LANA LANG!
YOUR HONOR! I MOVE THAT THE CASE AGAINST LOIS LANE BE DISMISSED!
THUD!
THUD!
SO ORDERED! CASE DISMISSED! LOIS LANE-- YOU ARE FREE!

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HIGHLIGHTS IN THE CAREER OF LOIS LANE W-541

No character in the entire Superman Family has been featured more often with the Man of Steel than girl reporter Lois Lane. To celebrate the 100th issue of her own magazine, we present a rundown of the most important stories and issues that marked the great events in her life, together with full information about her life up to 1970.

LOIS LANE No. 26 (July, 1960) told of "Lois Lane's Childhood." She was born in Pittsdale, the elder daughter of Sam and Ella Lane. In this story, baby Kal-El (the future Superman) unknowingly saved Lois' life for the first time when a toy of his, which was in one of his father's experimental rockets, went from the planet Krypton to Earth and frightened a deadly snake which was about to strike at Lois.

More about her girlhood was told in LOIS LANE No. 71 (January, 1967). Clark Kent learned Lois had been a straight-A student who had won Girl Scout honors and had captured the titles "Miss Ideal Girl" and "Queen of Perfection" in local contests.

ADVENTURE No. 261 (June, 1959) told how Lois first met Lana Lang at Camp Hiawatha one summer—and how, for the first time, Lois met Superboy.

ADVENTURE No. 128 (May, 1948) revealed "How Clark Kent Met Lois Lane." The teen-age Clark and Lois were winners of the Daily Planet's contest to honor the best school newspaper reporters. As a prize, they worked at the Planet as cub reporters for one week. At that time, the editor was a man named Morton.

"Lois Lane's College Scoops" were featured in LOIS LANE No. 55 (February, 1965). Lois attended Raleigh College, where Pete Ross, Superboy's best friend, also studied.

In LOIS LANE No. 17 (May, 1960), the story of "How Lois Lane Got Her Job" was first told. It turned out that Superman had unwittingly helped her get the scoops that convinced Perry White to hire her.

Lois was already working at the Planet (or, as it was then called, the Daily Star) when Clark Kent was hired in the very first Superman story (ACTION No. 1, June, 1938; reprinted in SUPERMAN No. 1, Summer, 1939). Curiously, in the early Superman stories, Perry White was called George Taylor.

Ever wonder "How Lois Lane Fell in Love with Superman"? That was revealed in LOIS LANE No. 53 (November, 1964). It seems Lois never cared much for the Man of Might at first. Then, when he had been robbed of his powers temporarily by Red Kryptonite, Lois got a look at the man instead of the super-hero—and he won her heart.

"Man or Superman?" was the title of the first story in which Lois suspected Clark Kent might be Superman. Up to that time, a connection between timid Clark and the mighty Metropolis Marvel had never occurred to her; but when Clark had to come up with a rather flimsy excuse to explain how he scooped her on a story, Lois became suspicious—and that suspicion has grown since. This tale appeared in SUPERMAN No. 17 (July-August, 1942).

SUPERMAN No. 28 (May-June, 1944) was the first magazine to feature Lois in a story of her own. This series, "Lois Lane, Girl Reporter," ran through No. 42, missing only one issue (No. 41).

Lois met the adult Lana in SUPERMAN No. 68 (January-February, 1951). Superboy's former girl friend wasn't yet making a play for Superman, however.

SHOWCASE No. 9 (July-August, 1957) was the first all-Lois issue of any magazine, and the first tryout for the LOIS LANE mag. If it hadn't done well, you wouldn't be reading this 100th issue today. The mag had one other important influence on Lois' history. Lana Lang entered the "Superman marriage sweepstakes" against Lois for the first time, formally. SHOWCASE No. 10 was another all-Lois issue.

The sales were great! The reader response was enthusiastic! And so LOIS LANE No. 1 came along, dated March-April, 1968. In the 99 issues that have followed, Lois' faithful fans have never wavered in their devotion to her.

Lana returned to the scene in LOIS LANE No. 7 (February, 1959), to become a regular in Lois' mag. It was in this story that Lois found Lana down and out and helped her. Earlier, in the SHOWCASE story, Lana had shown interest in getting a job as a TV announcer. In later stories, she became a top news reporter for station WMET-TV.

Incidentally, Lois herself never knew how her rivalry with Lana actually began. In SUPERBOY No. 90 (July, 1961), Lana had seen the future briefly in an experimental time-viewer, which burned out after a few minutes. But she had witnessed Superman kissing the grown Lois. So Lana set out to change destiny so that Lois would not become the Man of Steel's girl. You can read how she made out in the next GIANT SUPERBOY, in which the story is reprinted.

Lois herself later attempted to alter destiny when she used a time machine invented by Professor Potter to go back to Smallville before Lana fell for Superboy, in an attempt to prevent it. But her try was doomed to failure, for everything turned out as fate had ordained. Lana played the Sleeping Beauty in a Christmas Pageant, and Superboy, as the Prince, kissed her. That first kiss was the bud of love for Lana. This story was published in LOIS LANE No. 50 (July, 1964).

Lois met another hero in LOIS LANE No. 12 (October, 1959), when she was temporarily turned into a mermaid and was courted by Aquaman (long before he met—and married—Mera). The transformation was done to save Lois' life after her legs were crushed in an accident. It took super-surgery to get her back to the life on land she loved; and only Superman could do it. But first he had to absorb all the knowledge in a huge medical library in a few minutes, so he could pass a test and be awarded an M.D. degree.

LOIS LANE No. 13 (November, 1959) was the issue that introduced "Lois Lane's Parents," Sam and Ella Lane, to our readers—and to Superman. An overheard remark blossomed into a rumor that grew till it was completely out of control—and nearly forced Superman and Lois into a marriage for which neither was prepared.

Another member of Lois' family debuted in JIMMY OLSEN No. 36 (April, 1959). This was, of course, Lucy Lane, "Lois Lane's Sister." Jimmy fell for the lovely airline stewardess, but learned she had promised her mother not to marry before Lois did. This condition has been lifted since, and Jimmy and Lucy have been mighty close to wedded bliss on at least two occasions.

Which reminds us—did you ever hear of Susie, who was introduced as Lois' niece in ACTION No. 68 (December, 1943)? Susie had a remarkable way of bending the truth out of shape and coming up with the wildest stories. What's more, she actually got Superman to make some of these fibs come true. However, since Lois has no brothers, and her one sister is unmarried, it's obvious Susie can't be her niece. Actually, Susie's mother is Lois' first cousin.

Lois got some secret aid from Supergirl in her campaign to become Mrs. Superman, in LOIS LANE No. 14 (January, 1969). Yet Lois never knew about her secret helper, whose existence on Earth had not yet been publicly revealed. Needless to say, the Maid of Might flopped that time.

LOIS LANE No. 15 (February, 1960) introduced "The Super-Family of Steel." In this novel—the first full-length story in LOIS LANE—Van-Zee, a Superman look-alike from the bottle-city of Kandor, met, courted and wed Sylvia DeWitt, who was Lois' double. Then he gave Sylvia a serum which gave her super-powers under a yellow sun. But Van-Zee and Sylvia now live in Kandor, under an artificial red sun, where neither they nor their children have any super-powers.

In LOIS LANE No. 17 (May, 1960), Brainiac set up a little game it seemed Superman couldn't possibly win. The villainous computer in human form had a device which could destroy Earth. At a specified time, he was to mentally order Lois and Lana to a spot where a bomb was planted—and timed to go off when they got there. Superman had to be away from Earth and his robots were forbidden to interfere. Under these circumstances, if the girls survived, Brainiac agreed to spare Earth. Compelled to go along with the scheme, because Brainiac was protected by his force-shield belt, Superman arranged to give the girls transfusions of his super-blood to make them temporarily super—and thus invulnerable to harm. What? You wonder how Superman could give a transfusion when his skin is impenetrable? Simple—he made the incision with his own super-hard fingernail. It was in this story that Superman gave Lois and Lana the super-outfits they later wore in "The Battle Between Super-Lois and Super-Lana" (LOIS LANE No. 21, November, 1960)—a tale which is recalled in this issue's lead story.

With LOIS LANE No. 19 (August, 1960), we introduced a new innovation to the Superman line with the publication of our first Imaginary Story, "Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Superman) Kent." In this and subsequent stories, we have shown the happiness and heartache that *might* come to Lois and Superman, if they marry.

Lois borrowed Jimmy Olsen's elastic serum, which turns him into Elastic Lad, and did "The Ten Feats of Elastic Lass," in LOIS LANE No. 23 (February, 1961). But most important in Lois' life, although she didn't know it, were the feats she performed at Midvale Orphanage, where one of the orphans she met was Linda Lee, now Linda Danvers, Supergirl's alter-ego.

That same issue introduced another character to the Superman Family. This was Lena Thorul, the beautiful blonde who doesn't know she's the sister of Superman's arch-enemy, Lex Luthor. Luthor has often gone to great lengths to conceal from Lena the truth about her brother. She believes he was killed in an accident when she was just a tot, and doesn't know her parents changed their name from Luthor after their son turned criminal. Lois is one of the few persons in on the secret. Lena later became a friend of Supergirl. She is married now and has a son.

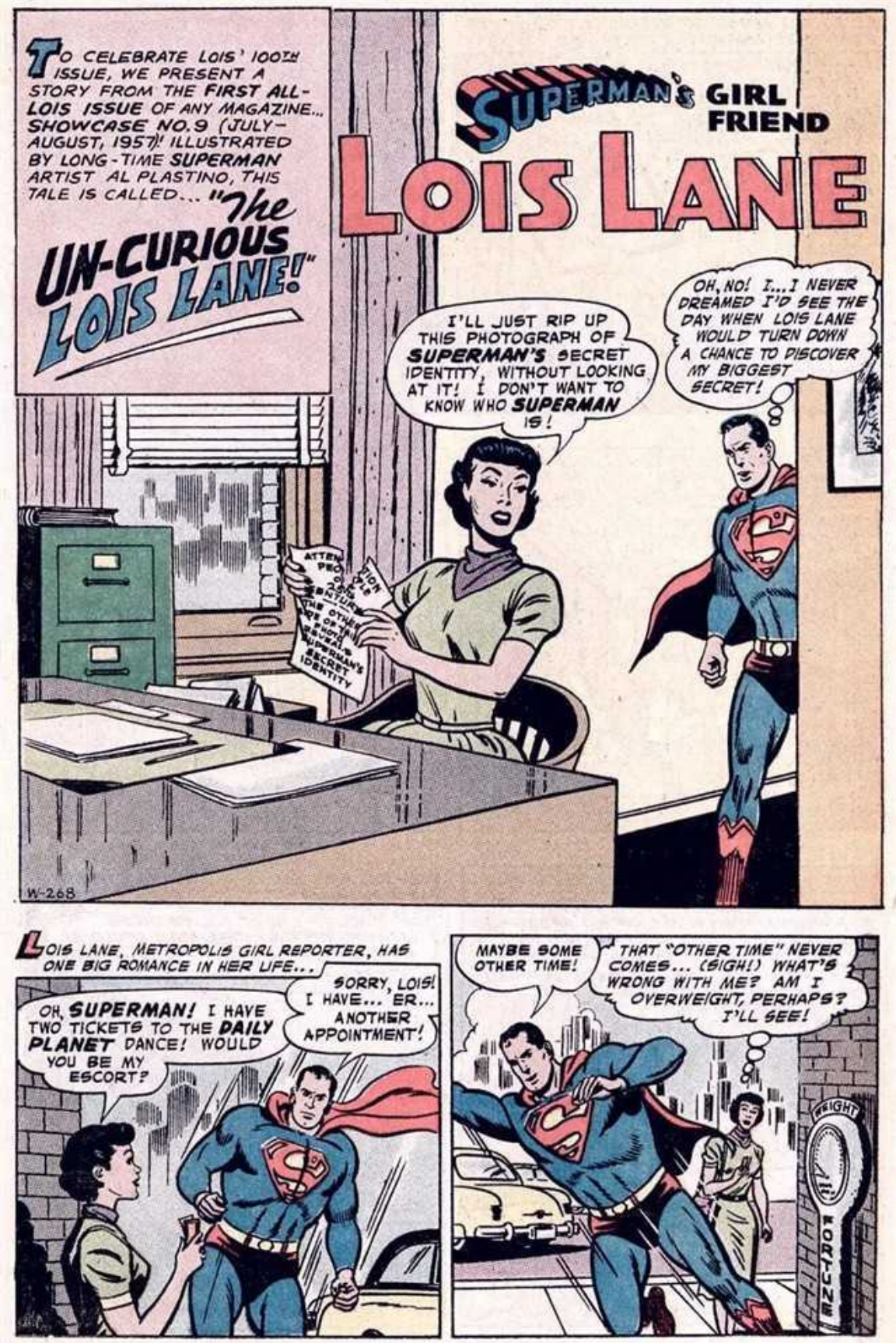
One of the strangest developments in the entire Lois saga occurred in LOIS LANE No. 41 (May, 1963). It was "Superman's Romance with Lana Lane." This girl was Lois and Lana, merged temporarily into one person by a magical jewel.

Lois' work as a volunteer nurse was first revealed in LOIS LANE No. 43 (August, 1963). Lois has had full nurse's training and is qualified to work as a registered nurse—which she actually has done at times.

Our gal ran for the Senate in LOIS LANE No. 62 (January, 1966)—and her opponent was Superman, while her campaign manager was that 5th-dimensional imp, Mr. Mxyzptlk. In the end, both candidates were disqualified because of legal technicalities. The Governor then appointed Perry White as interim Senator until a special election could be called. For a while, the Planet had a new editor, Van Benson, who was secretly an F.B.I. operative on a case in Metropolis. Later, Perry returned to the Planet—and he lost the special Senate election.

The big change in LOIS LANE came in issues 80 and 81 (January and February, 1968). She changed her whole image, walked out on Superman, left Metropolis, and went to another city, where she got a job as a nurse. But later, when a weird accident gave her temporary telepathic powers, she read Superman's mind and found out he really loved her! And although she went back to the Planet, the Lois of today is in many ways a far cry from the Lois of only a few years ago.

What does the future hold for Lois? Will she marry Superman—and if so, when? Will she learn that he's Clark Kent? What surprises does fate have in store for Lana Lang? What unforeseen influences will enter the lives of both girls—and Superman? Keep your eyes peeled for the answers in future issues of this magazine.


TO CELEBRATE LOIS' 100TH ISSUE, WE PRESENT A STORY FROM THE FIRST ALL-LOIS ISSUE OF ANY MAGAZINE... SHOWCASE NO. 9 (JULY-AUGUST, 1957)! ILLUSTRATED BY LONG-TIME SUPERMAN ARTIST AL PLASTINO, THIS TALE IS CALLED...
"The UN-CURIOUS LOIS LANE!"
SUPERMAN'S GIRL FRIEND
LOIS LANE
I'LL JUST RIP UP THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY, WITHOUT LOOKING AT IT! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHO SUPERMAN IS!
OH, NO! I...I NEVER DREAMED I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN LOIS LANE WOULD TURN DOWN A CHANCE TO DISCOVER MY BIGGEST SECRET!
SECRET IDENTITY
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LOIS LANE, METROPOLIS GIRL REPORTER, HAS ONE BIG ROMANCE IN HER LIFE...
OH, SUPERMAN! I HAVE TWO TICKETS TO THE DAILY PLANET DANCE! WOULD YOU BE MY ESCORT?
SORRY, LOIS! I HAVE... ER... ANOTHER APPOINTMENT!
MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME!
THAT "OTHER TIME" NEVER COMES... (SIGH!) WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME? AM I OVERWEIGHT, PERHAPS? I'LL SEE!
WEIGHT
ACME

LOIS FINDS HER WEIGHT NORMAL, BUT THE LITTLE FORTUNE-TELLING CARD CATCHES HER INTEREST...
HMM... THAT SOUNDS LIKE GOOD ADVICE FOR ME! MAYBE SUPERMAN IS ANNOYED WITH ME... FOR ONE GOOD REASON! I'LL CHANGE MY TACTICS!
YOUR FORTUNE
TO WIN THE MAN OF YOUR DREAMS, ADOPT A NEW STRATEGY.
I HEREBY PROMISE NOT TO SNOOP AND PRY FOR CLUES TO SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY, S'HELP ME! WHEN HE FINDS OUT, HE'LL BE PLEASED AND TURN MORE FRIENDLY... I HOPE!
WEIGHT-- FORTUNE
WILL THE "NEW" LOIS KEEP HER SOLEMN VOW AGAINST ALL TEMPTATION? LATER, AS THE GIRL REPORTER COVERS AN EVENT FOR HER PAPER...
THESE ORPHANS ARE EATING UP SUPERMAN'S STRONG-MAN ACTS!
AFTER THE SHOW...
I KNOW THAT SUPERMAN WILL LOOK FOR A SECLUDED SPOT NOW SO THAT HE CAN CHANGE BACK TO HIS EVERYDAY GUISE! WELL, I WON'T TRY TO FOLLOW HIM THIS TIME... I'M THROUGH WITH THAT SORT OF THING!
BUT AS LOIS TAKES A SHORT-CUT THROUGH AN ALLEY...
GOODNESS! TWO SETS OF FOOTPRINTS... SUPERMAN MUST HAVE CHANGED HERE! BUT HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT SPILLED INK! IN HIS SECRET IDENTITY, HE CARELESSLY LEFT FOOTPRINTS I CAN FOLLOW! OH, WHAT A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!
THE FIRST ACID TEST! LOIS WAVERS... BUT ONLY FOR A MOMENT!
I... I'LL STICK TO MY PLEDGE! I WON'T FOLLOW THOSE FOOTPRINTS! SUPERMAN WOULD BE SO PLEASED IF HE KNEW THIS!
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IT'S NO USE... I CANNOT REVIVE SUPERMAN! HE IS OVER ONE MILLION YEARS OLD! IN MINUTES HE'LL TURN TO DUST!
IF THE HEALER FAILED, NO ONE CAN SAVE HIM!
FEATURING...
"EVEN SUPERMEN DIE!"

SUPERMAN'S PAL
JIMMY OLSEN
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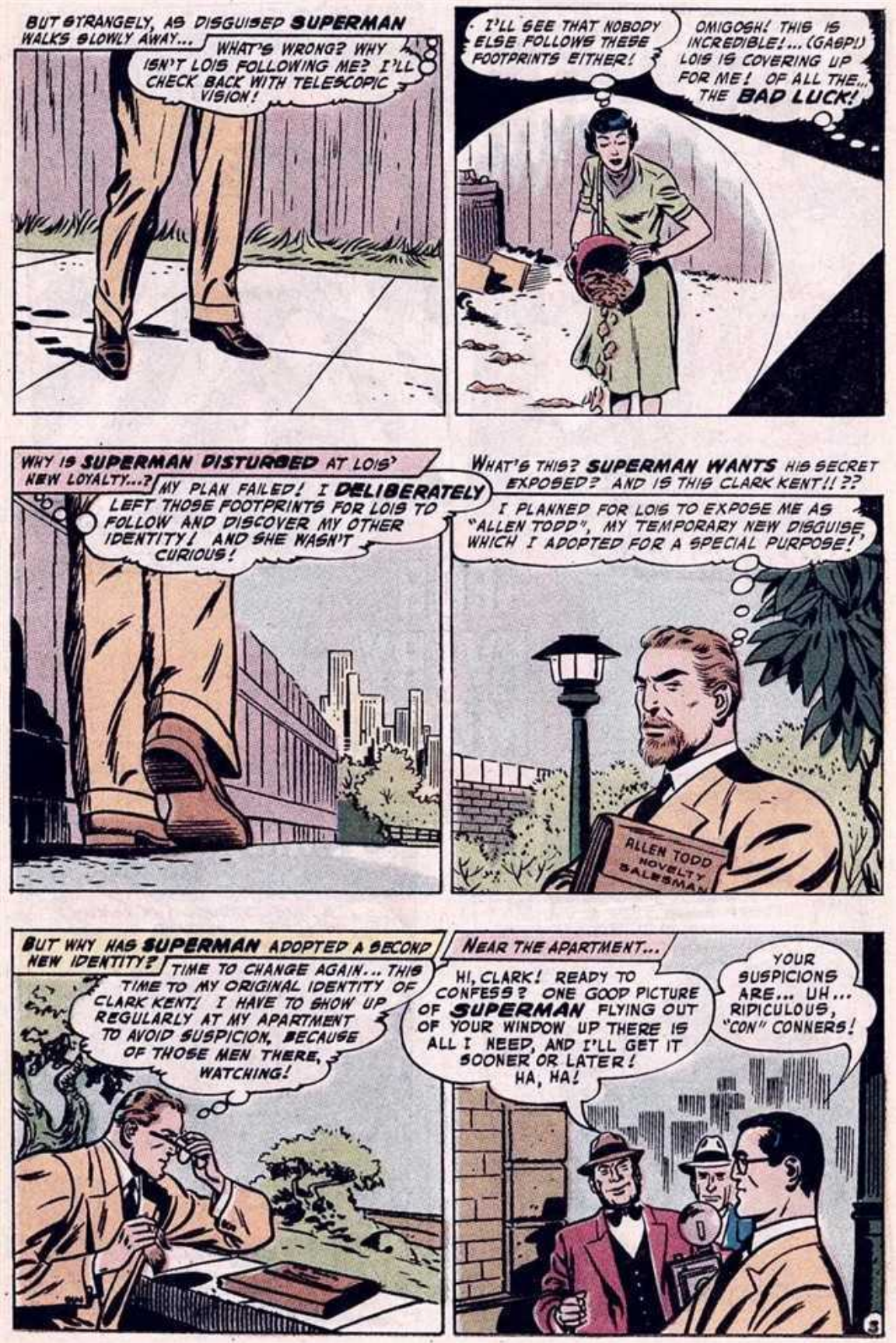
STOP! YOUR HONOR, I CHALLENGE THE ADOPTION! I'LL PROVE WHY YOU MUST REJECT IT!
MR. HAL RAND I HEREBY GRANT YOUR PETITION TO ADOPT JIMMY OLSEN AS YOUR LEGAL SON. I KNOW YOUR GREAT WEALTH WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH A FINE HOME!
ON SALE FEB. 24th
"NO FATHER FOR JIMMY!"


BUT STRANGELY, AS DISGUISED SUPERMAN WALKS SLOWLY AWAY...
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY ISN'T LOIS FOLLOWING ME? I'LL CHECK BACK WITH TELESCOPIC VISION!
I'LL SEE THAT NOBODY ELSE FOLLOWS THESE FOOTPRINTS EITHER!
OMIGOSH! THIS IS INCREDIBLE!... (GASP!) LOIS IS COVERING UP FOR ME! OF ALL THE... THE BAD LUCK!
WHY IS SUPERMAN DISTURBED AT LOIS' NEW LOYALTY...?
MY PLAN FAILED! I DELIBERATELY LEFT THOSE FOOTPRINTS FOR LOIS TO FOLLOW AND DISCOVER MY OTHER IDENTITY! AND SHE WASN'T CURIOUS!
WHAT'S THIS? SUPERMAN WANTS HIS SECRET EXPOSED? AND IS THIS CLARK KENT!! ??
I PLANNED FOR LOIS TO EXPOSE ME AS "ALLEN TODD", MY TEMPORARY NEW DISGUISE WHICH I ADOPTED FOR A SPECIAL PURPOSE!
ALLEN TODD NOVELTY SALESMAN
BUT WHY HAS SUPERMAN ADOPTED A SECOND NEW IDENTITY?
TIME TO CHANGE AGAIN... THIS TIME TO MY ORIGINAL IDENTITY OF CLARK KENT! I HAVE TO SHOW UP REGULARLY AT MY APARTMENT TO AVOID SUSPICION, BECAUSE OF THOSE MEN THERE, WATCHING!
NEAR THE APARTMENT...
HI, CLARK! READY TO CONFESS? ONE GOOD PICTURE OF SUPERMAN FLYING OUT OF YOUR WINDOW UP THERE IS ALL I NEED, AND I'LL GET IT SOONER OR LATER! HA, HA!
YOUR SUSPICIONS ARE... UH... RIDICULOUS, "CON" CONNERS!

DON'T PLAY INNOCENT, CHUM! I SAW A BODY WHIZZING FROM YOUR WINDOW ONE NIGHT, WHEN I PASSED BY! WHO ELSE COULD IT BE BUT SUPERMAN? ONE PICTURE WILL CLINCH IT! HA, HA!
HE HAS A HIGH-SPEED CAMERA, WHICH CAN PHOTOGRAPH ME IN THE AIR, EVEN IF I FLY AT SUPER-SPEED!
"CON" CONNERS AND HIS CROOK PAL TAKE TURNS AND KEEP WATCH NIGHT AND DAY! I'LL BE IN A SPOT IF ANY EMERGENCY ARISES IN TOWN!
SUDDENLY, TELESCOPIC VISION PICKS UP WHAT CLARK MOST FEARED!
HELP!
A TENEMENT ON FIRE! LIVES MAY BE LOST IF I SAUNTER OUT AND CHANGE OUTSIDE SOMEWHERE! FASTEST WAY OUT IS THROUGH THE WINDOW... WITH CONNERS WATCHING FOR SUPERMAN! (GULP!)
BUT I'LL SET THIS OLD RUG ON FIRE WITH MY HEAT VISION CREATING THICK SMOKE!
COVERED BY A SMOKE-SCREEN, SUPERMAN THWARTS THE WAITING CAMERA-MAN BUT WITHOUT SOLVING HIS DILEMMA!
THIS CLUMSY COVER-UP IS BOUND TO MAKE CONNERS MORE SUSPICIOUS--BUT, AT LEAST, HE WILL BE UNABLE TO PROVE ANYTHING AGAINST ME!
SUPERMAN FLEW OUT, OF COURSE... WHY ELSE THE SUDDEN SMOKE? THE EVIDENCE IS ADDING UP AGAINST CLARK KENT, PICTURE OR NO PICTURE! HA, HA!
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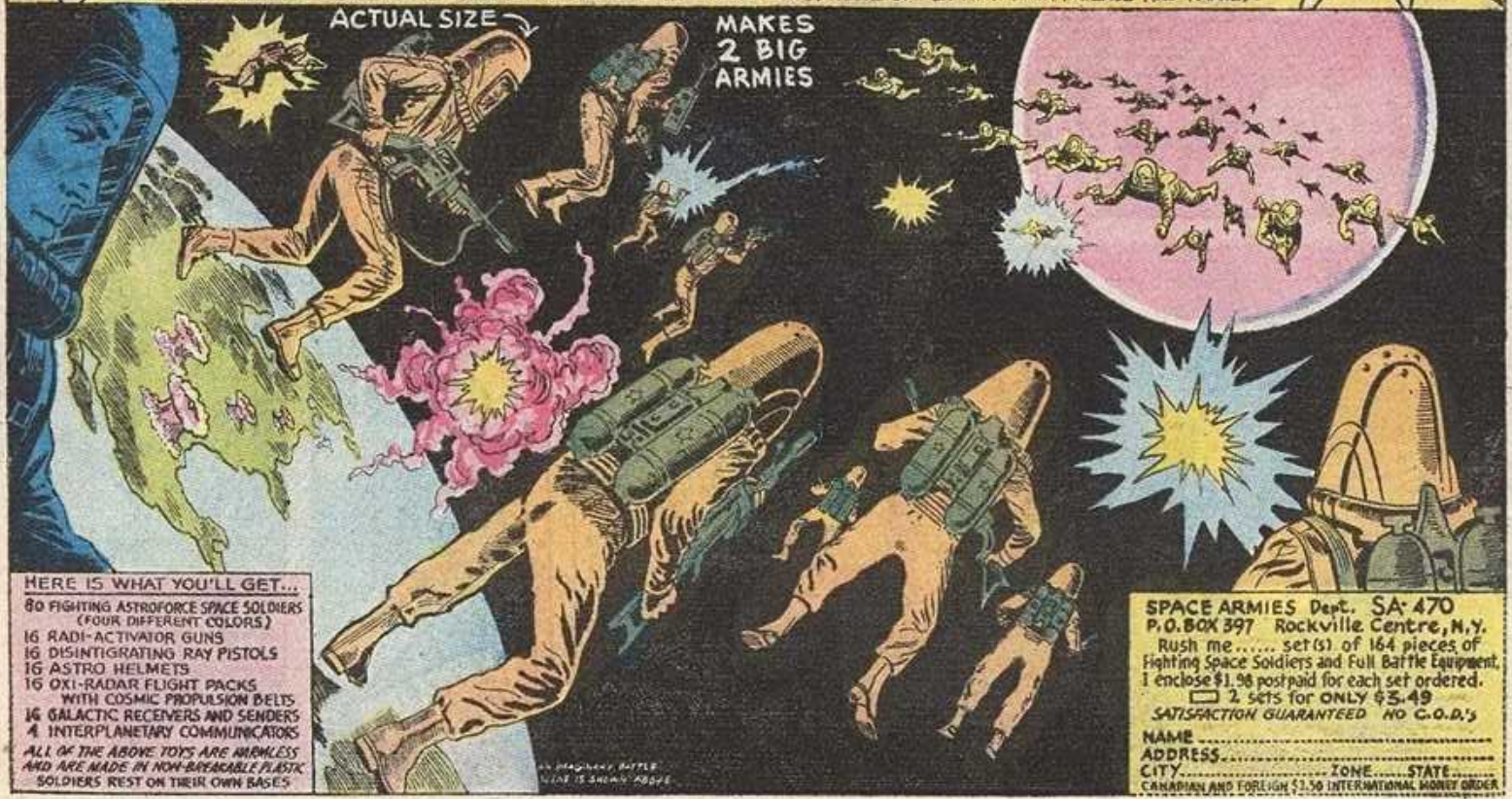

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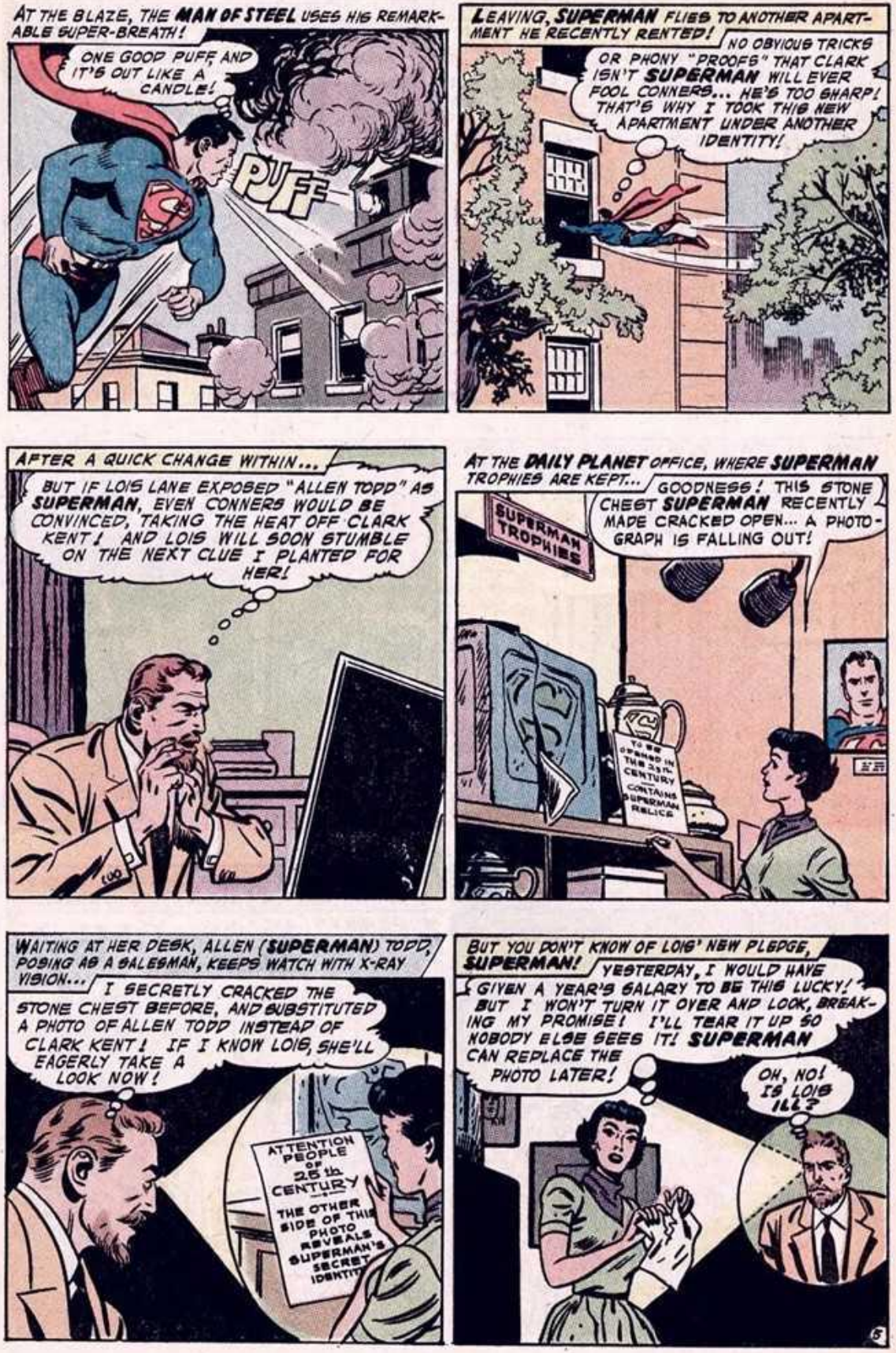
AT THE BLAZE, THE MAN OF STEEL USES HIS REMARKABLE SUPER-BREATH!
ONE GOOD PUFF AND IT'S OUT LIKE A CANDLE!
PUFF
LEAVING, SUPERMAN FLIES TO ANOTHER APARTMENT HE RECENTLY RENTED!
NO OBVIOUS TRICKS OR PHONY "PROOFS" THAT CLARK ISN'T SUPERMAN WILL EVER FOOL CONNERS... HE'S TOO SHARP! THAT'S WHY I TOOK THIS NEW APARTMENT UNDER ANOTHER IDENTITY!
AFTER A QUICK CHANGE WITHIN...
BUT IF LOIS LANE EXPOSED "ALLEN TODD" AS SUPERMAN, EVEN CONNERS WOULD BE CONVINCED, TAKING THE HEAT OFF CLARK KENT! AND LOIS WILL SOON STUMBLE ON THE NEXT CLUE I PLANTED FOR HER!
AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE, WHERE SUPERMAN TROPHIES ARE KEPT...
GOODNESS! THIS STONE CHEST SUPERMAN RECENTLY MADE CRACKED OPEN... A PHOTOGRAPH IS FALLING OUT!
SUPERMAN TROPHIES
TO BE OPENED IN THE 25th CENTURY
CONTAINS SUPERMAN RELICS
WAITING AT HER DESK, ALLEN (SUPERMAN) TODD, POSING AS A SALESMAN, KEEPS WATCH WITH X-RAY VISION...
I SECRETLY CRACKED THE STONE CHEST BEFORE, AND SUBSTITUTED A PHOTO OF ALLEN TODD INSTEAD OF CLARK KENT! IF I KNOW LOIS, SHE'LL EAGERLY TAKE A LOOK NOW!
ATTENTION PEOPLE OF 25th CENTURY
THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PHOTO REVEALS SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY
BUT YOU DON'T KNOW OF LOIS' NEW PLEDGE, SUPERMAN!
YESTERDAY, I WOULD HAVE GIVEN A YEAR'S SALARY TO BE THIS LUCKY! BUT I WON'T TURN IT OVER AND LOOK, BREAKING MY PROMISE! I'LL TEAR IT UP SO NOBODY ELSE SEES IT! SUPERMAN CAN REPLACE THE PHOTO LATER!
OH, NO! IS LOIS ILL?
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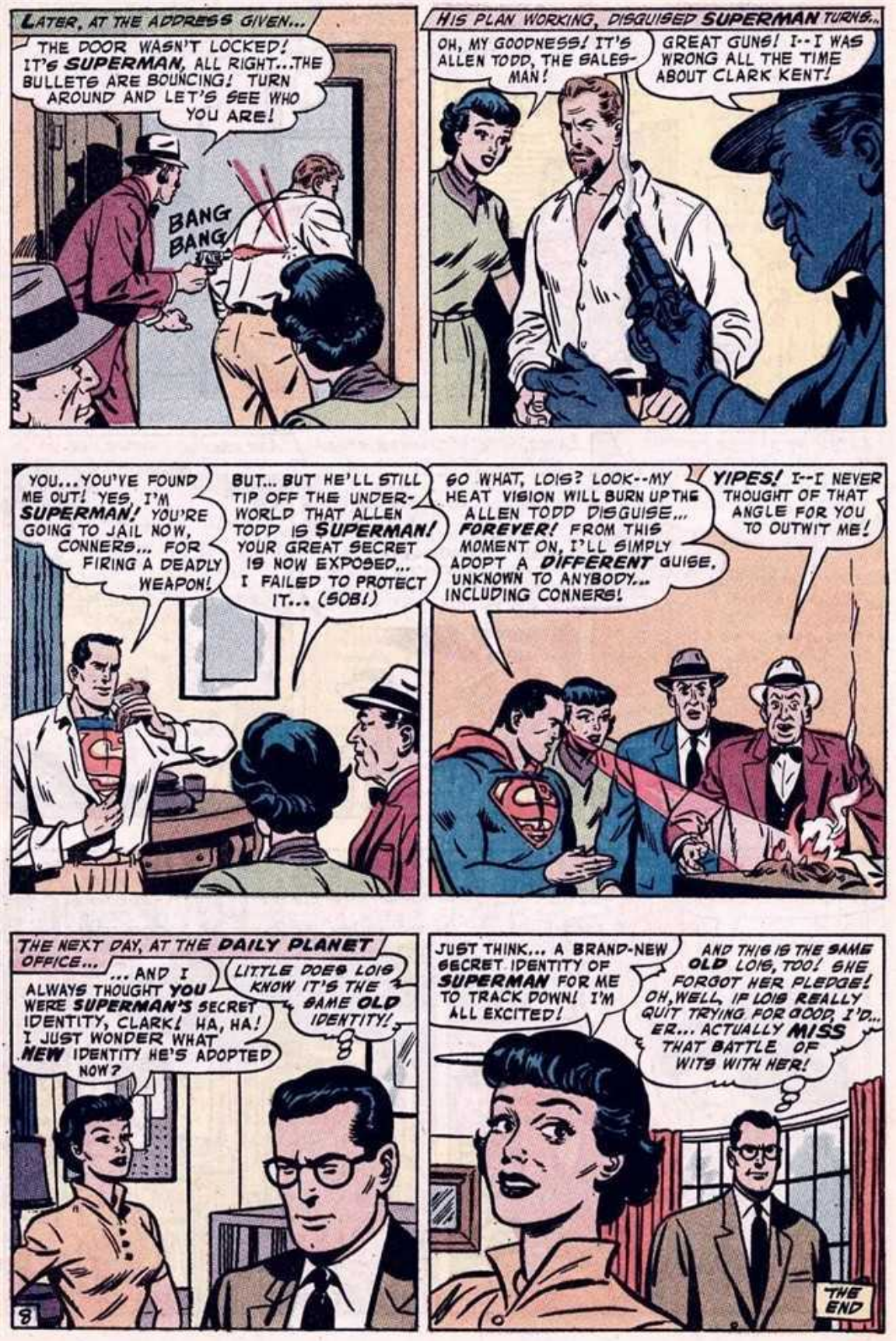
WHEN LOIS RETURNS TO HER DESK TO MEET THE "SALESMAN"...
WHAT BARGAINS! I'LL BUY THIS, MR. TODD!
FOR THE SECOND TIME, LOIS DIDN'T "EXPOSE" ME AS SUPERMAN! BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO FOOL "CON" CONNERS AND GET HIM OFF CLARK KENT'S NECK!
I'LL CREATE ANOTHER CLUE AS I GO OUT! SUPER-PRESSURE WILL LEAVE MY FINGERPRINTS IN THIS METAL DOOR KNOB, FOR LOIS TO "DISCOVER"!
LATER, AS LOIS FEELS THE ROUGHNESS WHEN OPENING THE DOOR...
OH, MY GOODNESS! SUPERMAN WAS HERE DURING THE DAY, AND ACCIDENTALLY LEFT HIS SUPER FINGERPRINTS! ANYBODY COULD TAKE A WAX IMPRESSION AND EVENTUALLY MATCH THEM WITH HIS UNKNOWN IDENTITY!
PRESENTLY...
THERE... I'LL RUIN THE FINGER-PRINTS! SUPERMAN, YOU'LL THANK ME SOME DAY FOR PROTECTING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY SO OFTEN!
ALLEN (SUPERMAN) TODD HAS PAUSED IN THE HALL TO OBSERVE, VIA X-RAY VISION...
GREAT SCOTT! THE ONE TIME I WANT LOIS TO REVEAL MY IDENTITY, SHE CROSSES ME UP! I MUST FIND OUT WHAT'S COME OVER HER!
WHEN SUPERMAN HIMSELF APPEARS, LOIS CAN NO LONGER KEEP HER BIG NEWS TO HERSELF!
SUPERMAN! BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I'M COVERING UP FOR YOU NOW! YOU SEE, I MADE A PLEDGE TO STOP PRYING FOR YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
YIPES! JUST AT... AT THE WRONG TIME!

AREN'T YOU PLEASED, SUPERMAN? DON'T YOU... ER... LIKE ME A LITTLE MORE NOW?
UH... THANKS FOR YOUR LOYALTY, LOIS!
IF SHE ONLY KNEW... (CHOKE!)... THAT SHE'S WORKING AGAINST ME, NOT FOR ME!
YOU CAN TRUST ME NOW, SUPERMAN! I'LL DESTROY ANY CLUES TO YOUR OTHER IDENTITY!
THEN SHE'LL NEVER EXPOSE "ALLEN TODD"... FOR THE BENEFIT OF CONNERS! HE'LL KEEP HOUNDING CLARK KENT! WHAT'LL I DO NOW?
LATER, AT A POST OFFICE...
HOPE THIS WORKS! A LETTER FOR LOIS... AND A TIP-OFF NOTE FOR CONNERS!
STAMPS
LOCAL
OUT OF TOWN
LATER, AS "CON" CONNERS READS HIS MAIL, BROUGHT BY HIS HENCHMAN...
IT SAYS... "TIP FROM AN UNDERWORLD PAL... LOIS LANE, THE NEWSPAPER GIRL, HAS PROOF OF SUPERMAN'S SECRET IDENTITY!" HMM... WHY WASTE TIME HERE TRYING TO PIN DOWN CLARK KENT?
AND WHEN LOIS READS HER MAIL AT HOME...
Dear Miss Lane, Years ago I stumbled on Superman's secret identity but kept it to myself! I'm an old man now, at death's door, so I'll pass it along to you. Go to the address written on the other side of this page.
BUT I WON'T LOOK AT THE ADDRESS! I'LL TEAR THIS UP... EEK!
NO YOU DON'T, SISTER! HAND IT OVER... OR ELSE!
HMM... THIS ISN'T KENT'S ADDRESS! WAS I WRONG ABOUT HIM? COME ALONG, SISTER, WE'LL SURPRISE SUPERMAN!
IN SPITE OF MY PLEDGE, I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPOSING SUPERMAN'S SECRET... (CHOKE!)


LATER, AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN...
THE DOOR WASN'T LOCKED! IT'S SUPERMAN, ALL RIGHT...THE BULLETS ARE BOUNCING! TURN AROUND AND LET'S SEE WHO YOU ARE!
BANG BANG
HIS PLAN WORKING, DISGUISED SUPERMAN TURNS..
OH, MY GOODNESS! IT'S ALLEN TODD, THE SALESMAN!
GREAT GUNS! I--I WAS WRONG ALL THE TIME ABOUT CLARK KENT!
YOU...YOU'VE FOUND ME OUT! YES, I'M SUPERMAN! YOU'RE GOING TO JAIL NOW, CONNERS... FOR FIRING A DEADLY WEAPON!
BUT... BUT HE'LL STILL TIP OFF THE UNDERWORLD THAT ALLEN TODD IS SUPERMAN! YOUR GREAT SECRET IS NOW EXPOSED... I FAILED TO PROTECT IT... (SOB!)
SO WHAT, LOIS? LOOK--MY HEAT VISION WILL BURN UP THE ALLEN TODD DISGUISE... FOREVER! FROM THIS MOMENT ON, I'LL SIMPLY ADOPT A DIFFERENT GUISE, UNKNOWN TO ANYBODY... INCLUDING CONNERS!
YIPES! I--I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT ANGLE FOR YOU TO OUTWIT ME!
THE NEXT DAY, AT THE DAILY PLANET OFFICE...
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THE END
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LOIS LANE'S ROMANCES W-267

Even though everyone knows of Lois Lane's love for Superman, other suitors have tried to win her. Mr. Mxyzptlk, the pesky Fifth-Dimensional imp; Bizarro, the imperfect duplicate of the Man of Steel; and Hercules, mightiest of the ancient Greek heroes—all have sought her hand. And occasionally, the girl reporter has thought she has found someone who could make her forget her apparently hopeless love for Superman.

There was, for example, XL-49, who courted her in "The Bride of Futureman". Lois became seriously interested in this handsome, superpowered hero, but dropped him promptly when she found the words "I love you" engraved on a plaque given to her by Superman. Unknown to her, this engraving was really the work of XL-49, who had come to the 20th century to play cupid for her and the Man of Steel.

"The Man Who Married Lois Lane" was the appropriate title of the story in which Lois actually wed X-Plam, a super-being from the 23rd century. In his own time he lived in a strange valley where gas from a comet had given everyone super-powers—and transformed them to green-skinned freaks. But when X-Plam reached our time, his appearance became normal, though he still had his powers. Handsome now and personable, Lois accepted his proposal. But right after the ceremony, when they returned to his home valley in the future, X-Plam resumed his true appearance—and Lois also became a super-freak. X-Plam decided at once to give up his own happiness for Lois. However, in refueling his time-machine, he handled a deadly amount of radioactive fuel, and thus sacrificed his life to return Lois to the 20th century, where she became normal again.

Still another super-suitor was Astounding Man, of the planet Roxnon, as told in "Lois Lane Weds Astounding Man". This hero wooed and won Lois. But imagine her shocked surprise when she learned her fiance was nothing but an android! He was owned and controlled by an ugly old man named Oogamooga, who was using this method to marry Lois, by proxy, so to speak. Astounding Man *did* marry Lois, but it was actually a Lois Lane android the real Lois had bought on Roxnon and given to an old woman named Geena. Thus, Geena and Oogamooga controlled the newlyweds, though neither knew the other existed.

"The Perfect Husband"—that title *seemed* to describe Roger Warner, sportsman and double for Clark Kent. Lois met him on a TV quiz show, where an electronic brain was used to match couples scientifically. A former war hero, a riding champ and an acrobat, Roger seemed ideal for Lois. That is, until he lost his wig and proved to be as bald as Lex Luthor. After that, he was so embarrassed that he went away and never saw the girl reporter again.

Lois has also had Imaginary romances. The best of these was "The Bride of Luthor". In this story, Luthor was cured of his evil ways by the great mental powers of a group of alien beings. He surrendered to the law, earned a pardon, and devoted himself to doing good with his scientific genius. Lois fell in love with him and they were married. But tragedy came years later when their son, Larry, turned criminal and accidentally killed his father. A sequel, "Lois Lane's Outlaw Son", told how Larry finally reformed and married the daughter of Superman and Lana. But, as we said, these were only Imaginary Stories.

LANA LANG'S ROMANCES

Like Lois, Lana has had her share of romance, aside from her love for the Man of Steel. In "The Unforgettable Superman", the grown-up Lana fell for a handsome astronaut, Captain Doug Tanner. He proposed, she said "Yes", and the wedding date was set. But everywhere she looked, Lana was reminded of the Man of Steel. Realizing she could never forget him, she called off the marriage.

Lana has found romance in Imaginary Stories, too. There was one, "The Super-Rivals", in which Superman brought Hercules and Samson into our own time. Hercules was soon engaged to Lois, while Samson fell head-over-heels for Lana. But the girls' whims and the 20th-century ways of earning one's living soon had the heroes pleading to return to their own time-eras. The last straw for Samson came when Lana got him a job doing bubble gum commercials for TV. While showing him how to blow a bubble, she got gum in his hair. She worsened her goof by cutting his locks, thus robbing him of his mighty strength. Superman returned the two heroes to their own ages.

Another Imaginary Tale was "Lana Lang's Romance with Superman III". In this story, the Man of Steel had married Lois. A few years later, Lana volunteered for an experiment designed to project her into the fourth dimension. But the fourth dimension is actually *time*, so Lana wound up in the future. Here she met Superman III, a descendant of the original Man of Steel and Lois. And, ironically, Lana found happiness as the wife of her successful rival's grandson!

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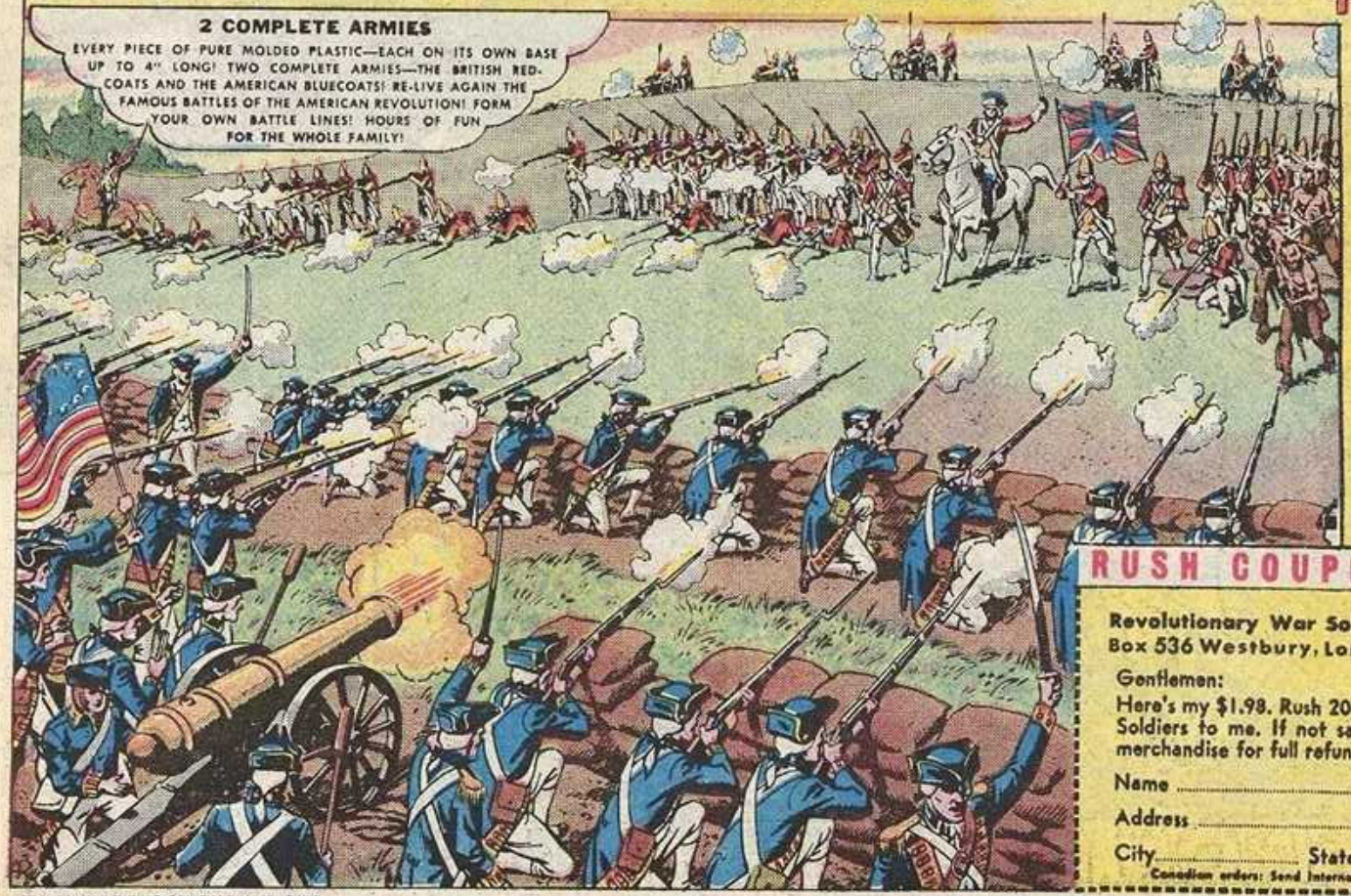

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